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Column One
BY David Courtney

EVERYBODY asks and everybody answers the question: What will the Kremlin do now? It is time somebody asked and answered the question: What will the West — more specifically America — do now? It was stated in Washington a few weeks ago that the Soviet held the initiative in Europe, in the Middle East and in the Far East; and that Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles between them intended to change that. Reports from Washington during the past few days suggest that the President and his adviser on foreign affairs have decided that no better opportunity than the present, for wresting the initiative from Moscow, is likely to occur. It is one thing to recognize the opportunity and another to know what to do with it.

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AT his Press conference on Monday Mr. Dulles was ambiguous; but the weight of his remarks should be added to the campaign that was opened by the President's message to the Russian people, of which the purport was that it is better to trust in God than in a new dictator. The message, drawn up by the Secretary of State and his brother, Mr. Allan Dulles, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, was followed immediately after the announcement of Stalin's death with an ice-cold expression of "official condolences" to the Soviet Government — "as brief and formal," wrote The Times, "as is possible under diplomatic protocol." But the attempt to capitalize Stalin's death is directed rather at Russia's allies than at the Russian people themselves. Mr. Dulles made that plain when he said on Monday that the removal of the "malignant" power of Stalin had come at the time when General Eisenhower, "the man who *liberated* Western Europe," had become President of the great U.S.A. Stalin's death, he said, would give America's cold war policy more chance of success.

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THE Voice of America has incessantly repeated the President's message and the Secretary of State's comments and, according to New York correspondents, is "mobilizing vast new propaganda forces in an attempt to split Russia and her bodyguard of satellite States." The associated Radio Liberation, with its headquarters in Munich, has gone farther. It has called upon the Red Army to seize power "in this supreme moment..., to seize the chance now offered and rise up for freedom." It is improbable that the extravagances of the radio posts linked with Radio Liberation have State Department inspiration; or more than the general blessing of Washington. But listeners on the other side of the curtain will draw no distinction between the wild agitation of Radio Liberation and the social campaign of the Voice of America.

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IT is always questionable whether people should be incited either to revolution or counter-revolution by outside Governments. It is questionable whether even enslaved peoples should be urged to the kind of action that puts their lives and such liberty as they may still possess in jeopardy. Naturally there are plenty of people in the East European countries ready to listen to the Voice of America and perhaps to be stirred to action by what they hear. Naturally, their rulers are aware of this and are on the watch for just such people. It may be policy, of course, by propaganda and other methods to multiply fear and purge in the satellite countries to the point where the whole people will rise up; or it may be policy to foment unrest and then take liberating action: it is impossible to tell. It may even be policy to accentuate the cold war, as Mr. Dulles has suggested, without having any idea about what to do next.

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U.S. of Europe Plan Voted at Strasbourg

STRASBOURG, Tuesday (AP). — The European Constituent Assembly tonight endorsed by 50 votes to none with five abstentions a project for political confederation of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium Holland and Luxemburg.

The vote was on the draft of a treaty which would establish a "European Community" to supervise, merge and eventually expand the Schuman steel and coal pool and the European Army treaty (EDG).

ADENAUER HITS FRENCH

BONN, Tuesday (AP).—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today sharply attacked French politicians who claim that a rearmed West Germany would drag the free world into a war with Soviet Russia in order to regain Germany's lost Eastern territories.

The Chancellor-Foreign Minister claimed that such fears were "total nonsense". He said that no responsible Germans would dream of "such utter folly" as risking total destruction of their country by making it the battleground for an East-West conflict.

Dr. Adenauer made these remarks at a news conference shortly after his return from Strasbourg, where with other West European Foreign Ministers he received yesterday the draft project for a six-nation political confederation.

The foes of the European Treaty — under which West Germany would rearm and pool its forces with the five neighbour states for common defence — were raising "scare talk" about a remilitarized Germany, he said. He regretted that even M. Robert Schuman, former French Foreign Minister, had seemed to add some fuel to this in a speech Sunday in which he was quoted as calling the Germans "a militaristic people".

The Chancellor said: "I would like to say something in extreme earnestness. The Government of the German Federal Republic and the large majority of the German Parliament, want through the projected European Defence Community to end once and for all, the quarrels and fights that have torn Western Europe. Without this defence community a united Europe is impossible. We are now striving to make it so that war between France and Germany will be impossible in the future. Thereupon we can build a real Europe."

Czech MIG's Down US Jet in American Zone

WIESBADEN, Tuesday (AP). — Two Soviet-made MIG-15 jet fighters, coming from Czechoslokavia, today attacked and shot down an American F-84 jet fighter plane 15 kilometres inside the American zone of Germany, 7th Air Force Headquarters announced. The pilot baled out to safety and escaped injury.

The Air Force announcement said the attack occurred in perfectly clear weather near the Bavarian town of Regensburg at 10 p.m. G.M.T. today.

The United States ordered "the strongest possible protest" to be sent to Czechoslovakia over the incident.

A U.S. Air Force statement said the case is to be referred to the U.S. High Commission.

In a press statement issued in Bonn the American High Commissioner, Dr. James Conant said, "This is a grave incident. It involves a gross violation of the U.S. Zone border by satellite or Soviet aircraft. It involves the wanton shooting down of an American aircraft well inside the U.S. Zone of Germany. The United States Government has been informed of this outrage, and I expect that appropriate action will be taken. Meanwhile, I am confident that the United States forces in Germany will know how to deal with any future incursion of this type."

It was the first case of an American military aircraft being attacked by Communist planes over the American zone in Germany.

Poles Seize Danish Boats as 'Reprisal'

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday. — A one Danish fishing boat bolted to freedom today after six others had been seized by Poland in what is generally believed to be a reprisal for the Danish detention of a Russian MIG-15 jet fighter landed on Bornholm last week by a Polish pilot who asked for asylum.

The MIG, which had live ammunition and a camera aboard when it landed, is believed to contain some of Russia's latest jet plane secrets. It was dismantled and shipped from Bornholm to Copenhagen on Sunday under an escort of Danish warships and surrounded by elaborate security precautions.

Data on this, the first MIG-15 jet fighter to have fallen whole into Western hands, are expected to be passed on to Denmark's allies, including the U.S., in NATO.

The British air attache here, Wing Commander F. Jeff, examined the plane last week and will certainly pass on to the Americans what he learned.

Western intelligence experts consider this one of their biggest strokes of luck for some years. The plane is not yet considered obsolescent in Russia and the satellites are being equipped with models in increasing numbers. *(Reuter, UP)*

Labour M.P. Refused Visa to Enter U.S.

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Mr. Sydney S. Silverman, Labour M.P. told the press tonight that he had been refused an American entry visa under the McCarran Act.

Mr. Silverman, a supporter of the Bevan group in the Labour Party, is a member of the World Executive of the World Jewish Congress.

BRITAIN MAY APPOINT M.E. AFFAIRS MINISTER

LONDON, Tuesday (INA). — It is reported here that the British Cabinet is considering the appointment of a Minister to be responsible for Middle East affairs. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, has been mentioned for the post.

Lie Accuses Russia Of Pressure

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuter). — United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie today accused the Soviet Union of having exerted "the crudest form of pressure" upon him.

Mr. Lie made the accusation before a plenary session of the General Assembly in a speech in which he defended his personnel policy arising from the investigations into the loyalty of American United Nations employees.

Mr. Lie said that he hoped that the "atmosphere of suspicion" caused by the investigations would soon be improved.

Communists Said To Hold 3,000 Greeks

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday. — The Greek delegate, Alexis Kyrou, charged in the Political Committee today that Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Russia were still keeping back 8,000 of her soldiers who were being "sentenced to slow death."

Denmark, New Zealand and Peru introduced a draft resolution urging the Communist Governments to repatriate the soldiers, requesting the Assembly President to consult on this subject with the Governments concerned and urging the Secretary-General to keep the question under constant review.

The American and British delegates supported the Greek complaint while Poland called it a "complete fabrication." *(Reuter, UP)*

Kuznetsov Soviet Ambassador to China

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter).—Today's papers here published without comment the Supreme Soviet's appointment of Vassili Kuznetsov as Ambassador to Peking, replacing Alexander Panyushkin.

Aged 50, Kuznetsov was head of the Soviet Trade Unions till the death of Stalin when he was appointed Deputy Foreign Minister. He is well known to trade unionists who have visited Russia from all parts of the world.

Observers in London considered the new appointment a quick move to consolidate friendship with China. Kuznetsov's status is almost on a par with that of Vyshinsky and in sending him to China, the new Government has named an envoy who may possibly be empowered to take vital policy decision.

Russia's parliament, the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., will be asked to approve the new government on Saturday.

The session is expected to last only one day, having no other business to transact. But it may take longer if many deputies rise to pay memorial tributes to Stalin and pledge their support to the Malenkov government.

(The Supreme Soviet usually meets only once a year sitting for four or five days. When it is not in session its presidium issues decrees).

Treasurer Asks for More Exports, Greater Initiative, Offers Less Curbs

Facts and Figures

Some of the facts and figures in the Finance Minister's statement on the Budget estimates yesterday are :

Between 1949 and 1952 land prices rose by 500 per cent. The price of gold rose by 550 per cent or more during that period. Productive capital was attracted by inflated profits in the sector producing semi-essential and luxury goods. The non-essential branches of industry developed at the cost of the essential branches and the productive character of the economy was distorted.

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The principal object of the New Economic Policy was the stopping of inflation. Best evidence of the success of the policy are the aggregate figures for the changes in the amounts of currency in circulation and money held in private current accounts: — January 1, 1949 — IL.102m.; January 1, 1950 — IL.139.3m.; January 1, 1951 — IL.187.5m.; January 1, 1952 — IL.239.8.m; January 1, 1953 — IL.258.7m.

The percentage increases for the various years are: 37 per cent in 1949, 34 per cent in 1950, 28 per cent in 1951 and 8 per cent in 1952.

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In 1951 Israel bought IL.7 worth of goods abroad for every pound's worth of goods exported. In 1952 it imported almost IL.9 worth for every pound of exports. The preliminary estimate of the balance of trade figures for 1953 shows that imports totalled IL.143m. and exports IL.16.1m. (1951: IL.113m. and IL.16.7m.). Thus the trade deficit rose during the year from IL.106.3m. to IL.128.9m., or by 19 per cent.

Imports were divided as follows, both in 1951 and 1952: foodstuffs — 23 per cent; raw materials — 20 per cent; finished and semi-finished goods — 57 per cent.

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"Financial resources at the disposal of the economy": 1950 — IL.532m.; 1951 — IL.808m.; 1952 — IL.1,250m.

Industrial electricity consumption rose from 158m.kwh. in 1951 to 165m. kwh. in 1952.

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Phosphates production, vital to agriculture, rose from 11,400 tons in 1951 to 24,487 tons in 1952. The industry is based on exploitation of the phosphate sources in the Negev. The Minister of Finance hoped that the country would cease to be dependent on imports of phosphates in 1953.

In 1951, 782,000 sq. metres of sheet glass were produced, rising to 900,000 sq. metres in 1952. Cement production rose from 341,000 tons in 1948 to 468,000 tons in 1952.

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Exports of cut diamonds rose from 126,150 carats in 1951 to 130,362 carats in 1952, despite marketing difficulties in the U.S. caused by a fall in prices.

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During the 10 months of the current financial year 23,100 units of immigrant housing and 5,000 units of popular housing were put under construction.

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The greatest rise in agricultural production was in vegetables: from 145,000 tons in 1951 to 170,000 tons in 1952. The estimate for the agricultural year 1953 is 230,000 tons. We have nearly reached the point of fully satisfying the market in this respect. Potato production rose greatly: from 30,000 tons in 1951 to 42,000 tons in 1952. The estimate for 1953 is 70,000 tons. It is hoped that 1953 will see near self-sufficiency in potatoes.

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The area under citrus cultivation rose from 128,000 dunams in 1951 to 132,000 in 1952. It is estimated at 145-150,000 dunams in 1953.

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The Mekorot Company, the principal body engaged in the implementation of the irrigation programme, increased its supply of water from 16 million cub. metres in 1948 to 85 million cub. metres in 1951, and to 120 million cub. metres in 1952. The supply will reach 200 million cub. metres by this Spring.

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Investments fell from 29 per cent of resources in 1950 (IL.150m.) to an estimated 20 per cent of resources (IL.250m.) in 1952.

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Investment in 1951 totalled IL.214m. divided as follows: agriculture and irrigation — IL.25.1m.; industry — IL.23.4m.; building and housing — IL.100.4m.; public works — IL.11.2m.; communications — IL.7.7m.; commerce and services — IL.3.4m.; Government — IL.8.2m.; miscellaneous — IL.35.4m.

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The smoker of expensive cigarettes will now pay four times the excise tax paid by the smoker of cheap cigarettes, instead of the former ration of 6:1.

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Malaria cases dropped, from 1,891 in 1949 to 10 in 1952 — or 0.23 in 100,000 inhabitants. Most of the cases occurred in areas near the Jordan frontier.

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Infant mortality dropped from 54 per 1,000 in 1949 to 38 per 1,000 this year — thought to be one of the lowest figures in the world.

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Debts and debt-service payments due to be paid this year amount to IL.16m.

Eshkol Estimates Are IL.216m.

Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, presented the IL.216m. Ordinary Budget for 1953/54 to the Knesset yesterday. In a two and a half hour speech, Mr. Eshkol outlined what is expected to become a sort of "programme for action" by the country's economic forces in the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Eshkol's attitude to the problem can best be summarized in a paraphrase: "The Government expects every citizen to do his duty" in the battle for a healthier economy. Without setting definite goals, Mr. Eshkol defined the tasks before every stratum of the population. Industry was set the important and urgent task of fostering exports in order to reduce the trade deficit.

Agriculture's task was the production of most of the food required for local consumption. Workers — higher productivity; civil servants — greater efficiency, and Mr. Citizen — payment of heavier indirect taxes.

Mr. Eshkol

The Minister of Finance forecast a reduction in controls, but urged "more initiative," especially on the part of industry. He was prepared to meet many of the manufacturers' demands and facilitate capital investments. But he was firmly opposed to the decontrol of foreign exchange before a reserve of foreign currency, sufficient to meet the current needs of the State, will have been built up.

In a way Mr. Eshkol's speech reflected the changed attitude of the Cabinet to the Government's role. His budget allotted the Government the role of a controlling agency, rather than the Welfare State conception of its tasks — an organization required to provide for all.

The change began with the introduction of the New Econo-

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Income In 10 Months

The total income of the Regular Budget during the 10 months amounted to IL.143.2m. and expenditure was IL.146.2m.

The Price Equalization Fund, the expenditure and income of which should have balanced at IL.2m. during the 10 months, actually had an income of IL. 9.4m. and an expenditure of IL.3m.

Revenue from income tax during the period totalled IL. 43.4m., about IL.4m. more than estimated, while revenue from the fuel tax totalled IL.11m.—some IL.2m. more than envisaged in the estimate. Income from excise, from state property and from the Issue Department also considerably exceeded estimates, while income from luxury tax, customs, licence fees and excise on drinks were considerably lower than the planned total.

On the expenditure side, all Ministries spent more than their respective estimates except for the Ministries of Education and of Social Welfare, which spent less.

The Development Budget suffered considerably from heavy deficits in actual income as against original estimates. During the 10 months, income from the U.S. Grant-in-Aid Counterpart Fund totalled only IL.5.4m. instead of IL.25m., while income from property tax totalled IL.32m. instead of IL.39m., and from Independence Bonds only IL.25.5m. instead of IL.33.3m. The Development Authority gave the Treasury only IL.5.2m. instead of IL.8.5m.

Budget Deficit In 10 Months—IL.10m.

The official deficit in the 1952/53 Regular Budget during the period April, 1952-January, 1953 amounted to IL. 3m. while the deficit in the Development Budget in the same period was IL.7m., according to a preliminary report on the first 10 months of the current fiscal year submitted to the Finance Committee of the Knesset yesterday.

In the Regular Budget, however, IL.6.4m. of the Price Equalization Fund was used to cover current expenses in addition to government loans, while in the Development Budget various "Special Receipts" originally not included in the budget were used to cover some of the expenses.

Far-reaching changes in the income tax for 1954/5 were announced by Mr. Eshkol. The tax would not exceed 50 per cent for the top bracket; rates would generally be much lower than at present; and 70 per cent of the cost-of-living allowance would be tax free, he said.

ROKACH TO QUIT AS T.A. MAYOR

Mr. Israel Rokach, Minister of Interior, told the Knesset yesterday that he would resign as Tel Aviv Mayor next week.

Knesset Approves Land Requisition

The Requisition of land, effected before April 1, 1952, for security, development or settlement purposes, was legalized by the Knesset yesterday when it passed the Acquisition of Land Law, 1953. The majority voted for the Law, with Communists and Left Faction opposing and Herut abstaining. No member of the Mapam party was present in the House during the vote.

Mr. Tewfik Toubi read a Communist declaration that his party "and the people of Israel" would not accept the new Law.

The POST's Special Correspondent writes:

The land law passed by the Knesset is one of the most important yet adopted with regard to its direct effect on Israel's 175,000 Arabs. As in other countries, so in Israel large areas of land had been requisitioned during the war for security considerations. Other areas (mainly in the Little Triangle) were requisitioned for development purposes at a time when the landowners concerned were living behind enemy lines. The new law intends to solve difficult problems of ownership of these properties on the basis of compensations.

The late Minister of Finance, Eliezer Kaplan, upon introducing the draft bill to the House last summer admitted that "in some outstanding cases the authorities had requisitioned land to which they really had no right." Generally, however, the problem must be approached realistically: built-up settlements and other going concerns can hardly be demolished in order that the lands be returned to their original owners. The law therefore seems to be an effort on behalf of the Government to find the middle way

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PASSOVER RECESS

The Knesset will recess for Passover on March 26 and reconvene on May 4, the House Committee decided yesterday.

The Committee also resolved to approve the name "Independent Le-Ahdut Ha'avoda Faction" for the faction formed by Mrs. Hannah Lamdan and Mr. David Livshitz, who had left Mapam.

Iran Protests to Iraq On U.K. 'Espionage'

TEHERAN, Tuesday. — The Iran Government yesterday handed a note to the Iraq Embassy here demanding immediate action against alleged espionage by British agents based in Iraq.

Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi told the press today that the note charged that repeated reports from the Iraq-Iran border indicated that British agents were moving back and forth causing unrest and violations of security.

It alleged that a Mr. Jackson, former Consul here, had begun anti-Iran activity in Baghdad and sponsored recent troubles through local agents.

Diplomatic sources learned here today that Premier Mohammed Mossadegh intends to reject the latest British proposals for solving the oil dispute. *(AP, Reuter)*

Legion Kills J'lem Man

An Israeli, who erroneously entered no-man's-land in Jerusalem, was shot and killed by Arab Legionnaires yesterday morning, an Army spokesman announced. When an Israel policeman tried to enter the area to give the wounded man first aid treatment, he was fired upon and was forced to retire, it was said.

About two hours after the incident, U.N. officials handed over the body to the Israel delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission. ITIM reports that the man, Dori Blau, 56, was killed by automatic fire from the Old City directed through the gap in the wall of an abandoned shop at the foot of Mamillah Road.

Blau, who owns a carpentry adjoining the abandoned shop, was hit the moment he entered the deserted premises.

Full Military Honours For Killed Policeman

KFAR SABA, Tuesday. — The Kfar Saba policeman, Yosef Reznik, 34, who was killed by marauders during a skirmish near Kalkilya last night, was buried with full military honours today. The incident occured at midnight when a police patrol encountered a group of infiltrators who opened fire on them. Several marauders were hit by the patrol's answering fire.

The dead man had served as policeman for four years. He leaves a wife and four-year-old daughter.

A complaint has already been lodged with the MAC.

"Falastin," the Old City daily, reported yesterday that Israelis wounded the mukhtar of Nazlat Issa village, near Tulkarem, and his wife when they attacked his house on Sunday night. Following a Jordan complaint to the Israel-Jordan MAC, a mixed inquiry committee went out to conduct an on-the-spot investigation on Monday morning. The Committee is to report to the full MAC.

"A-Diffa," the other Old City daily, reported yesterday that five Arabs had been detained in the past 24 hours while trying to infiltrate into Israel. The infiltrators are to be tried this week. On Monday, "A-Diffa" published the names of several Arabs caught for the same offence. They were sentenced to one week in prison.

According to a report from Amman last night, the Israel-Jordan MAC met at the Mandelbaum Gate yesterday under the chairmanship of Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder and adjourned *sine die* after a heated debate on procedure.

The Israel delegate objected to giving consideration to a report from a U.N. observer on an alleged incident near Imwas, in the vicinity of Ramallah, in which Jordan claimed an Arab girl had been killed by Israel soldiers.

Italian Rightists Riot, Demand Trieste Back

ROME, Tuesday. — Right-wing students marched in Rome, Milan and Naples today shouting for the return of Trieste to Italy.

In Naples, a few students were hurt in a police baton charge. Police prevented an attack on the Milan offices of the Communist newspaper "L'Unita." In Rome, the demonstrators gathered in front of the neo-Fascist headquarters to listen to Prince Valerio Borghese, President of the Neo-Fascist movement. *(AP, Reuter)*

Britain Not Planning To Send Troops to Jordan

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).—Britain is not planning to send troops to Jordan, London diplomatic quarters said today.

The Prime Minister of Jordan, Tewfik Abul Huda, also denied press reports today that discussions had been held with Britain on the possibility of moving British troops now garrisoned in the Suez Canal Zone to stations in his country.

It was pointed out here that British spokesmen recently said that Britain fully stood by her obligations to Jordan under the 1948 Friendship pact.

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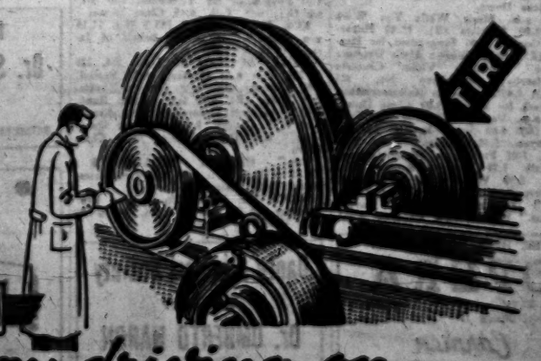

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Social & Personal

Marquis Raimondo Giustiniani, the Italian Minister, yesterday paid a farewell call on Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. The Prime Minister also received Mr. Serkali Istinyeli, the Turkish Minister, who was accompanied by Mr. Yosef Lotan, Deputy Chief of Protocol. Mr. Istinyeli later called on Chief Rabbi Ben Zion M.H. Uziel, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Mr. Pinhas Rosen, the Minister of Justice.

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Mr. G. Larsson, Director of the Swedish Department of Civil Aviation, and Mr. M. Lindholm, Chief Inspector of S.A.S., left for a short visit to Cyprus yesterday as part of their present tour of inspection of stations served by S.A.S. on its Far Eastern flight. They arrived in Israel a few days ago and will return here after inspecting the Cyprus airfields which are used by the Scandinavial Airline as reserve landing fields.

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The Executive Vice President and Mrs. John F. Gehan, and the Vice President and Director General in Europe (of the American Export Lines) were among the passengers aboard the s.s. Constitution.

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The Indian delegation studying co-operative agriculture in Israel at the invitation of the Government yesterday visited the head office of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem.

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At tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club the speaker will be Mr. Israel Rokach, Minister of the Interior.

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Professor Sune Carlson, U.N. Technical Assistance Administration representative, left yesterday to visit the U.N. headquarters in Geneva and New York. He will be away about a month.

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Mr. L. Gottlieb, head of the B.B.C.'s Hebrew Service, arrived by B.O.A.C. yesterday for a visit of some weeks.

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Mr. E. M. Epstein, former Director of the Overseas Department of the Jewish National Fund, left by El Al yesterday for South Africa at the invitation of the Zionist Federation there.

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Mr. Pinhas Rosenbaum, director of the Palestine Office in Zurich, arrived by Swissair yesterday for a short visit.

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Following the return to Israel of Mr. Aharon Meskin, Habimah is to reintroduce performances of "Death of a Salesman," which was seen by 190,000 persons when staged last year. The first performances will be next Sunday, in Tel Aviv.

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BIRTHS

HIRSHOWITZ — To Betty, wife of Dr. Bernard Hirshowitz, on Tuesday, March 10, 1953, at the Government Hospital, Haifa, — a daughter.

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MADANES.—To Ina, wife of Mr. E. Madanes, Jerusalem, on March 9, a second daughter—Hannah Frances.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Rivka Berger

The death occurred in Jerusalem yesterday evening of Mrs. Rivka Berger, manager of the Touring Club.

Widow of Mr. Alfred Berger, well-known Labour Zionist who had been active in Germany before settling here and who died about 10 years ago, Mrs. Berger was at the centre of many Jerusalem activities, including the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; she was the life of the Club, with which she was associated from the start.

She leaves an only son, Michael.

The funeral will be held from Ziv Hospital at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

U.S. FUND DRIVE FOR DENTAL SCHOOL HERE

Dr. Philip C. Lowenstein of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, has been named National Chairman of a three-year campaign to raise $300,000 in the U.S. among dentists, laboratories, and manufacturers and distributors of dental supplies towards construction of an Israel Dental School at the Hebrew University. This was announced by Dr. Bernard E. Gruber, president of Alpha Omega, the National Jewish Dental Fraternity.

Private Sector Leads In Foreign Investment

By Economicus

The number of "approved" or otherwise recommended establishments reached 1,445 at the end of 1952, with proposed or actually effectuated investments totalling IL.754m. from local sources, and $178m. from abroad, according to the applications submitted to the Investment Centre of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Investments already in actual operation can be estimated at approximately $90m., states a report just issued by the Centre.

Of the two categories of investments, the "approved" numbered 737 on December 31, 1952 and the "recommended," 708. In the former category, 686 establishments, or 93 percent of the total, belong to the private sector, and 51, or seven per cent to the cooperative sector. The capital share of the two categories is IL.58.7m. plus $130.6m. in the private, and IL.15.9m. plus $13.6m. in the cooperative sector. Whereas the former category participates with 79 per cent in the total local currency investment and with 91 percent in the dollar investment, the cooperative sector participates with 21 and 9 percent respectively.

Countries of origin	No. of Ests.	Investment in million dollars	Per cent of Total
United States & Canada	221	48.3	33
Central & S. America	21	2.9	2
United Kingdom	55	13.3	10
France	33	11.3	8
Benelux	49	8.8	6
Italy	41	6.3	4
Switzerland	39	10.4	7
Germany, Austria	10	3.4	2
Scandinavia	7	1.6	1
S. Africa	17	2.7	2
N. Africa, Iraq, Iran, etc.	100	34.9	25
Total	621	144.2	100

Local capital participated in 116 undertakings to the amount of IL.58.1m. jointly with foreign investors, and with IL.16.5m. in establishments without foreign investment.

The cooperative sector is represented as follows:

Type	Number of Establis.
Histadrut and kvutzot	10
Cooperatives	4
Koor-Solel Boneh	37
Hamashbir Hamerkazi	9
Others	10

Industries and Services

The great majority of undertakings belongs to industry, viz. 554 firms with investments of IL.50.1m. and $80.5m., whereas services are represented by 153 firms, with IL.24.5m. and $34.6m. respectively. Among industrial undertakings, the greatest number are engaged in the "metal" category (79), followed by textiles (52), building materials (48), chemicals (48), food and drink (40), etc. The list of "Services" is headed by hotels (53), building and public works (30), and transportation (29).

With regard to location, Greater Tel Aviv leads with 200 establishments, followed by the Petah Tikva — Bnei Brak — Ramat Gan area (115), and the Haifa district (100); Jerusalem and the Corridor account for 56 firms.

Of special interest is the distribution according to countries of origin, shown in the report for 737 undertakings, with a total invested capital of $144.2m. and IL. 74.6m.

Child T.B. Hospital Faces Closure

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday.—The Timna's Childrens' Tuberculosis Hospital here may have to close down for lack of funds at the end of the month and the 20-men staff has already received dismissal notices, it was reported here last week.

The hospital, fitted with up-to-date equipment including X-Ray machines only recently received, has 50 beds in a modern building in Ahuza. The hospital is run by the Anti-Tuberculosis League which also keeps about 20 per cent of the patients free of charge. The regular charge for the children, who are also given lessons in the hospital, is IL.5 daily.

It is reported that negotiations are under way with the Government to take over the hospital but the Health Ministry has no budget for the hospital. The municipality had at one time planned to take the hospital under its wing but lacked the funds.

Medical circles have pointed out that there is distinct lack of overall planning of hospital space in the country. They thought that the Government, Municipalities, Kupat Holim and other organisations all build hospitals, without coordination between them, and cited the reported building of a new 100-bed T.B. hospital by the Kupat Holim in Kfar Saba while the Haifa hospital is facing closure.

A doctor told The POST here today it is estimated that one bed per 1,000 residents is needed for T.B. patients, which puts the country's need at only 1,000 beds as against the now available 1,000. The diverse ways of immigration have meanwhile, reduced the number of patients.

Medical circles here also thought that it would be unfortunate if the Timna's hospital, for which large funds were contributed abroad, would have to close down.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

at 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Royal Wedding.
EDEN: Young Man with Ideas.
EDISON: Justice Has Been Done.
OR-GIL: Let Right Be Done (The Wiesenthal Story).
ORION: A Streetcar Named Desire.
ORNA: The Battle of Apache Pass.
STUDIO: Henry the Fifth.
ZION: Jumping Jacks.

Haifa Council Covers Health Dep't Deficit

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Town Council last night unanimously approved a Finance Committee proposal to cover the Health Department's IL.30,000 deficit, though the Mayor opposed it. This was the first time Mr. Abba Khoushy has been outvoted.

Mr. Khoushy said that the head of a Department should not spend beyond his allocation and that the 20 per cent deficit might become a dangerous precedent. The department head in such a case should resign, he added, and favoured a resolution forbidding heads of departments to incur overdrafts since otherwise he could not be responsible for the Municipality's affairs.

Mr. Z. Zimmermann (General Zionists), Chairman of the Health Committee, defended the Department. He said it had been impossible to avoid the deficit, which was due to the Council's decision half-way through the year to cut every department's budget by 15 per cent. The cut had been automatic and the Health Department was unable to reduce its spending in the middle of the year.

The Council agreed to an IL.180,000 emergency works project (including a IL.100,000 Government loan) to provide jobs for the unemployed. The money will be spent on sewage, water supply, widening roads, parks and playing fields. It will furnish 13,525 work days, enough to employ 400 men for two months.

The meeting was opened in the glare of television limelights. Two American cameramen filmed the meeting as an example of Israel's "democracy in action." Together with a documentary on Israel industry the resulting film will be telecast over the major U.S. networks on Independence Day. The N.B.C. and the Dumont networks will donate the time to the U.J.A. Bond Drive and Israel Government. The Communist Councillor was absent.

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REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Opposition Pleased with Treasury For Submitting Budget on Time

Commenting on the forthcoming Budget debate "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) welcomes the fact that for the first time this will be discussed by the Knesset before the end of the financial year. This is, however, only a partial achievement as we have not yet been given details of the Development Budget. The paper complains that the main burden will again be placed upon the shoulders of the masses while the well-to-do will be less affected.

"Al Hamishmar" says that it is not true that national economy cannot afford more than 25 per cent of the yearly income for public and state services as argued by "Haboker" (Gen. Zionist). National Income last year was IL.850m. and it may well be expected to be even larger in the next, and no more than 20 to 25 per cent made up the Budget, whereas the Budget in England (even without local and municipal Budgets) comprises 40 per cent of the national income. "Al Hamishmar" says that hardly anyone assumes that we can afford to put in a smaller effort than the British. Revenue from income tax, to be sure, is to be increased by 40 per cent but the highest brackets are to be abolished, and this means that more will be paid by those in the lower income groups. The paper notes that budgets of some Government offices have been cut down while the Ministry of Education's budget has been increased by 26 per cent and the budget of the Ministry of Social Welfare by the same amount: it should not however be forgotten that the C.o.L. Index has meanwhile risen by 40 per cent.

Organic Weakness' Criticized

An opposite point of view is voiced by "Haboker" (Gen. Zionist). The paper criticizes one of the "main organic weaknesses," the dependence of our economy on the C.o.L. Index, which had been assailed by the late Mr. E. Kaplan. Notwithstanding all efforts to save and restrict services this year, the budget is larger by IL.40m. than last year's. If the C.o.L. Index increases by even one point, the Government has to pay IL.650,000 more in wages and salaries. The paper also criticizes the continued influence of "economic pressure groups," mainly from the collective sector, and mentions the fact that these circles refuse to pay the property tax. The paper regards the new budget not as some ideal solution but rather as a 'lesser evil.' Haboker also complains that the four General Zionist Ministers in the Government were not supported in their proposals for further savings and restrictions by representatives of the other minority parties.

Jobless Tax Welcomed

"Davar" (Histadrut) welcomes the Government's decision to introduce an Unemployment Tax, and expresses the hope that everyone will be affected. This, however, is only one aspect of the problem: the unemployed should be given productive work and their transfer from cities to the countryside is a prerequisite for a radical solution. Private-labour exchanges should be abolished, and official labour exchanges should receive wider authority. Those above 40 are handicapped under various pretexts if not disqualified altogether, and here too, fair employment practices should be restored.

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrachy) complains that according to the announcement of the Ministry there will be no special food distribution in March for Pesach. In view of the importance of the holidays, the paper says, meat, fish, egg, and potato rations should be increased. The paper recommends that the proposals made by some merchants for the "import without payment" of cattle should be accepted, because this would cause pork to disappear from the restaurants. "Hatzofe" admits that the C.o.L. Index would rise following such imports.

Prof. Ault Leaves After Study of Civil Service

Professor Orwell A. Ault, expert on Public Administration who had been loaned to the Israel Government by the U.N., left Israel on Monday night after having handed to the Prime Minister a report containing 30 suggestions for the improvement of the Civil Service.

At Prof. Ault's suggestion a special faculty for Public Relations will be established at the School of Social Science which is to be opened in September in memory of the late Eliezer Kaplan. The faculty will receive technical aid from the U.N.

Another suggestion of Prof. Ault's was that three model government departments be opened in the three main cities, to be visited by department and office heads who should endeavour to copy the systems used in the model departments. Prof. Ault stressed that not the number of officials was the criterion for efficient work, but the quality of their work.

ISRAEL BANKS HANDLE FIRST ARAB CLAIMS

POST Special Correspondent

The first batch of forms completed by Palestine refugees in Jordan claiming compensation for their assets left in Israel was received in Jerusalem on Friday through U.N. channels, *The POST* has learned.

Bank officials described the batch as "a substantial quantity for the first week." The applications have already been checked by the Barclays' and Ottoman Banks' joint control office in Jerusalem and transferred for individual checking to their branches.

They are expected to be submitted to the Custodian of Absentee Property at the end of this week for final approval.

After this they are to be sent to the Banks' head offices in London. They will then be forwarded to the Banks' branches in the various Arab states with instructions for payment.

DEATH LEAP

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — A man leaped to his death from the seventh floor of the Histadrut building in Rehov Jabotinsky here last night. His body was found by workers this morning. The man's age is estimated to be between 25 and 30. No identification papers were found on the body which was taken to the Hadassah Hospital.

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Tommy Taylor, the 21-year-old Barnsley (English Football League club) centre or inside forward, was sold last Wednesday to the First Division Manchester United club for a reported £30,000.

J'lem Hapoel Win "Y" Wrestling Meet

Jerusalem Hapoel surprised Tel Aviv Hapoel in their wrestling meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last Saturday morning, in a Itzhak Sadeh Memorial League meeting downing their opponents by 12-4.

The home side were better in the lighter divisions, with bantam Bakshi beating Meshumar, and lightweight Gonshani pipping Peretz, for two good wins. Tel Aviv, however gained two victories in the "heavies" section. Light-heavyweight N. Bonfoil gained the verdict over Jeruusalem's Balba in one minute 29 seconds. In the heavyweight contest Tel Aviv's Shunkovitch caused a big surprise by beating the well-known Fisher in nine minutes 20 seconds.

(Briefly reported Sunday)

T.A. Betar Pip Natanya Maccabi

Tel Aviv Betar just pipped hosts Nathanya Maccabi by seven to five in a high standard boxing tournament held at the local Sharon Cinema last Friday night.

A ding-dong battle took place in the middleweight meeting between Avraham Levi (Betar) and Robert Almalah (Maccabi) and the result was settled only in the third round. Levi went well into the lead in the opening round and it seemed as if he had the fight clinched. But Almalah fought back in the second round and levelled matters. Levi, however, boxed well to regain and extend his advantage in the final round, for a points decision.

The only knock-out verdict came in the light weight contest when Beniali, Maccabi, gained a first round technical k.o. decision over Ben Shlomo, Betar. In one of the welterweight meetings, Betar's Birenbaum had a run-away win against Ze'evi.

The results were: Bantamweight: Ben Zion Levy (Betar) and Eliyahu Azizi (Maccabi) fought a draw. Featherweight: Oziz (Masc) bt. Arditi (Betar). Lightweight: Beniali (Masc) bt. Ben Shlomo (Betar) by a technical k.o. in the 1st. rnd. Welterweight: Greenberg (Betar) bt. Sa'ada (Masc) and Birenblum (Betar) bt. Ze'evi (Masc). Middleweight: Avraham Levi (Betar) bt. Robert Almalah (Masc).

The officials were: Ring referee A. Segal. Points judges: Dickie Shaw, D. Reiner and P. Reichman. Timekeeper: S. Salamon. (Briefly reported Sunday)

T.T. Team Sailing For Bucharest

Israel's table tennis team is leaving by sea today to compete in the World Championships at Bucharest between March 20 and 29.

After several trials, the following four men and two women were selected: Finkelstein, Pfefferbaum, (Maccabi), Senesh and Steinherz, (Hapoel) and the ladies, Leibnitz and Goldman (Hapoel).

Finkelstein, pre-war Polish international, is this year's winner of the Schiff Cup. He has a whip-like forehand attack. Pfefferbaum, ex-Austrian, came out of retirement and finds his left hand attack rejuvenated. Steinherz, this year's Hapoel Champion, is a tenacious defensive player. Senesh, ex-Hungarian and Jewish Brigade player, holds a victory over the world ranked Frenchman Amouretti. He has a stylish, solid defence. Leibnitz and Goldman had much experience in Rumania.

This is a team of veterans with international experience, but it is perhaps unfortunate that Jerusalem's 19-year-old Schwartz so narrowly missed his place in the final trials. Policeman Luciano did not participate in the trials as he did not wish to travel to Rumania. The team will sail to Greece, and then continue the Journey by railway. A match in Athens is contemplated. Two representatives of the Israel Amateur Sports Federation are accompanying the team.

(YAACOV COHEN)

T.A. Maccabi Invited To England

Tel Aviv Maccabi, Israel's top soccer side, has been invited to tour England, according to an invitation received by the Maccabi World Union from Maccabi England. The tour will form part of the propaganda campaign in connection with September's Fourth Maccabiah. Details are being worked out by letter.

(Briefly reported Sunday)

Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

8.30-12.30: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Manilla Road. Entrance Free.
9-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Romema, Bus 15. Feeding times 2-3 p.m.
9-1: 2-5: Bezalel Museum. Exhibitions: Musical Instruments; Masks of Primitive Peoples; Purim Scroll.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition of works by Violet Citron and Raphael Mahler, Artists House.

★ TEL AVIV ★

10-1; 4-7): Exhibition—Chinese and Japanese Art; Water Colours by Kosnowski; Sculptures by Aaryeh Rezaki, Museum.
10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of paintings, drawings, L. Schwerin; Katz Art Gallery, 97 Reh. Dizengoff.
3-8: Exhibition of paintings, Melitta Shiffer; Artists Pavillion, 9 Reh. Alharizi.
8 p.m.: "Joan of Arc"; Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

★ HAIFA ★

10-1; 4-8: Exhibition of paintings by Elieser Halfvai, Audrey Berger, Yoel Bergner, Municipal Museum.

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6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.
10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Bulletin (R). 11.40 Music. Service Corps. 12.00 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.40 Concert Hall: Overture "Semora" (Handel). Violin Concerto (Mendelssohn). Symphony No. 101 (Haydn). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music. 3.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.30 The Time Music (R). 5.00 World Report. Mixed Bag. Ben Kayem. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.20 Classical Request Programme. 7.50 What's New in Science. 8.00 "Just Arrived." 8.20 Book Reading. 8.45 "I Remember." 9.02 "Twenty Questions." 9.30 Classical Request Programme: Symphonie des Psaumes (Stravinsky); Mass in B minor (Bach). 11.45 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

468, 235, 526, & 43.9 M.

English News 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m., French: 2.00 p.m.
6 p.m. "Opera" (R). 6.45 Music (R). 8.00 Programme for Youngsters. 8.30 Music (R). 8.55 Talk. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 On Behalf of Israel. 11.45 Recital.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 216, 235 & 379 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Recital. 7.30 Reports (R). 7.50 Today's Events. 7.55 Music (R). 8.00 Gadna Zahal Band. 8.30 News. 8.45 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 9.00 Folk Dances. 9.30 "Twenty Questions." 9.50 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.32 & 30.53 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Events, Person.

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Elath	19	13	33	30

FORECAST: Warm and dry.

"A) Humidity at 9 p.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Minimum temp. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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TWO TONS of tinned tomatoes, two tons of orange concentrates, and a ton of marmalade and citrus oil, were exported in the s.s. Borealis to Europe, from Haifa Port yesterday.

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YEHOSHUA COHEN, 23, was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment by a Jerusalem Magistrate yesterday for having attacked an official of the Labour Exchange on February 23... **EZRA JUMIN** 19, was sentenced to jail for 1 month and 10 days by a Jerusalem Magistrate yesterday for having attacked a police sergeant in August 1952.

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A GRANDMOTHER who allegedly abandoned her eight month-old grandson in Bnei Hakormen in Tel Aviv last January, was released and a ton of raincoats and citrus the Magistrate's Court yesterday. The accused, Shoshana Cohen-Meguri, of Tel Aviv, told the judge that the child was left in her care and she had no means of supporting it. The baby was found by the Social Welfare Department and is temporarily lodged in a baby home.

THE WORLD Jewish Congress Executive Committee on Monday sent condolences to Premier Georgi Malenkov on the death of Marshal Stalin.

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JEWELRY AND Goods valued at IL.3,000 were stolen from Edwin Belvatzky's flat at 79 Keren Kayemet Blvd., Tel Aviv, on Monday night... **AN "EXPRESSO"** mixer and various beverages totalling IL. 2,000 were stolen from the "Penguin" ice cream bar at 4 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, when thieves removed bricks from the courtyard.

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TWO COWS, two donkeys, a mare and a calf valued at IL.2,150 were stolen on Monday night when marauders broke into four farms in the Sharon area. Tracks of six persons led to the border.

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THE BANK Le'umi branch in Haifa Harbour has been transferred to Kiryat Motzkin, corner Sd. Hashoftim and the Acre Rd.

NEW OFFICERS FOR ISRAEL'S DEFENCE

"This officers' course will serve as one of the answers to the security problem which is steadily deteriorating around us," Rav Aluf Mordecai Makleff, Chief of Staff, yesterday told several hundred soldiers who were commissioned at a base somewhere in Israel.

"We must strengthen, train and increase the fighting ability of the Defence Forces," he added.

Rav Aluf Makleff personally pinned the insignia on each of the new officers. Ten members of the course were mentioned for special distinction.

One section of the course was for "religious officers" who, although not rabbis, will deal with all phases of religious arrangements in the army.

SMALL SWARMS OF LOCUSTS IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Locusts were found today in the vicinity of El Radian, 40 kms. north of Elath near the Jordan border, in Elath itself and in the vicinity of Sdom. The swarms are small and not likely to lay eggs — the main danger — as the weather is too cold for them.

Mr. J. Peleg, head of the Plant Protection Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, told The POST tonight that the swarms would probably take off again and that no action against them was necessary at the moment.

It is known from the London Locust Centre that there are very large swarms in the Saudi Arabia desert and many square kilometres of the insects in the vicinity of Ma'am in Jordan. Israel was alert and ready for the danger with all the equipment required to fight an invasion, Mr. Peleg said, but nothing alarming was expected at present.

In case of need Israel is entitled to special equipment held by the UN Food and Agricultural Organization in Cyprus and Lebanon. Jordan is already fighting its locusts and cordial relations are maintained with that country, through the Mixed Armistice Commission for the exchange of information about the swarms.

Israelis Held for 'Trade' Pact with Infiltrators

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — A "trade agreement" between two Israelis and Arab refugees was discovered by police who found a hoard of gold hidden in a yard in Jaffa. A surprise raid in the flat of Yonas and Reuben Vardian in Rehov 42, Jaffa, led to the hidden gold.

The infiltrators who were questioned reportedly came here after being "sent" by the owner of the gold, and contacted the two Israelis in order to recover the hoard.

The suspects have been detained and their house is now being guarded by watchmen of the Custodian of Abandoned Property.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV: Frozen meats 100 grams. Cheese 8. Temporary 34. 75 grams a week. Meat for families 250 grams. Not for 10 cards. 250 grams a week. Not Cheese. Not Cheese 10 cards. 100 grams a week. Eggs 3 eggs. Not 28. eggs 1, 2, 11 and 12. 45 grams for Infants. 75 grams for Grade A. 50 grams for Grade B. and 40 grams for Grade C. Fruit: 100 grams. Meat 29. Temporary 6. Potato flours 100 grams, except 28, page 18. Temporary, 42.

T.A. Lowers Rates For Poorer Quarters

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Voting on taxes for the next fiscal year, the Tel Aviv Municipality tonight reduced the rate of the general tax in the poor quarters of the city, which includes most of Jaffa, by 5 per cent. The rate for other parts of the city remains the same at 85 per cent.

The General Zionist and Histadrut factions voted together.

The general tax was also reduced by 5 per cent on apartments in blocks of flats owned by their occupants (cooperative apartments) which were built after January, 1950, and those living in apartments of three rooms or less, with 2.5 persons to a room will get a reduction of 10 per cent in the general tax.

The last item was first rejected but then approved when Mr. E. Schechter (Histadrut), pale with anger, demanded a second vote. Here the Herut faction voted with the Histadrut.

The rate of all other taxes, on property, empty plots and garbage, were voted to remain as formerly.

A Mapam suggestion to exempt unemployed from municipal rates was referred to committee and the whole budget, tabled by the Acting Mayor last week, was referred to the Finance Committee to be voted on as a whole at a later date.

RAMAT GAN ADOPTS BUDGET FOR 1953-54

RAMAT GAN, Tuesday.—The Municipality here last night adopted its 1953/54 budget — IL.2,540,340. Of the total revenue, IL.2,026,890 is to come from general services and IL.513,450 from government services. The expenditure figure totals IL.2,952,676 of which IL.1,368,887 will go for general services, IL.881,395 for government services and IL.702,394 in loans and interest. A deficit of IL.365,336 is estimated.

Mayor A. Krinitzi pointed out that since December, 1948, the population of Ramat Gan had increased by 22,338 to over 49,000.

The Holon Municipality yesterday revealed a IL.250,000 deficit in its 1952/53 budget. Acting Mayor P. Eylon said that the staff of the Finance Department were working overtime to collect unpaid taxes. Bonuses will be paid to those who bring in the highest returns.

AFFULA COUNCIL REJECTS TAX RISE

AFFULA, Tuesday. — The Municipal Council here today voted against any rise of taxes in the next financial year. To balance the budget the Finance Ministry is to be requested to defer repayments on loans for six months.

15 Per Cent Proposed As Bus Fare Rise

Recommendations for higher bus fares are to be submitted today to the inter-Ministerial price committee by Mr. Joseph Saphir, the Minister of Communications, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. It is expected that the proposed increase will be about 15 per cent.

Discussions on certain expenditure items of the bus cooperatives, which Mr. Saphir held with the Histadrut, are to be finished today.

Simultaneously with the fare rise, the companies are to carry out the improvements they undertook to implement. Other improvements, which are dependent upon construction projects, like building new stations, are to be implemented gradually. The Minister is to appoint 20 special transport inspectors to see the improvements are effected.

U.S. Zionist Council To Be Summoned

The American Zionist Council is planning to hold a conference of all American Zionist organizations at the beginning of the summer, Dr. Nahum Goldmann reported.

The new composition of the Council's Executive was given as Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman, and Mrs. Rose Halprin, Deputy Chairman. Other members are Rabbi Irving Miller, President of the ZOA, Rabbi Max Kirschblum, representing Mizrahi, and Rabbi James G. Heller, of the Labour Zionist Organization.

The Executive also discussed the establishment of regional Zionist councils in Europe and in other countries. The Organization Department was asked to formulate a detailed programme to present to the Executive.

MAPAI CONFERENCE

The 400-man Council of Mapai will meet at 5.30 this in Tel Aviv and will sit until Saturday. At the opening session the Secretary-General, Mr. M. Argov, will submit the report of the secretariat. Participants in the various sessions will include Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, and other Cabinet Ministers, including the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, who is to speak on economic problems.

Giant United States Liner Brings 515 Tourists Here

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Haifa Port looked small and ships at anchor shrank in size as the American 30,000-ton luxury liner s.s. Constitution slowly swung around to moor alongside the main quay at 7 o'clock this morning.

Her 515 first-class passengers are on a 55-day Mediterranean cruise which began in New York on February 19 and will take them to 20 ports in 12 Mediterranean countries before it is over. They will spend three days in Israel and then sail to Alexandria.

At Beirut, the Lebanese authorities informed the Constitution's cruise director that all U.S. passengers were welcome and free to travel in the country as they pleased, including those who had Israel visas stamped on their passports. They indicated, however, that such unconditional hospitality did not extend beyond their borders and that it was not advisable for passengers bearing Jewish names to proceed to Syria.

Landing formalities were simple and speedy, and Frontier Control officers finished their job in less than 15 minutes. Cook's Travel Office lined up a large fleet of taxis and several sightseeing buses on the quay to take the arrivals on conducted tours to Nazareth, Lake Kinneret, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and on a round trip in the country.

Passengers range in age from 8 to over 80, and according to the ship's doctor, their main complaint was bad weather.

The bulk of the travellers is made up of businessmen, manufacturers, executives, bankers, many of them retired, and their wives.

Among the distinguished passengers are Lieutenant-General Robert L. Eichelberger, who led the U.S. Eighth Army to victory in the Pacific during World War II and later commanded it under General MacArthur during the occupation of Japan, and the former American Ambassador to France, Mr. Walter E. Edge, who held that post in the early 1930s. He also served several terms as Governor of New Jersey.

23 IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM). — A group of 23 immigrants from China arrived here today by El Al from Athens. They had left Shanghai a month ago and had been flown by BOAC from Hongkong to Athens, from where the Israel plane brought them here.

The newcomers reported that they had been forced to wait many months in China for their exit permits.

2 Haifa Doctors on Trial For Manslaughter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A trial against two Haifa doctors for causing the death of a patient began in the District Court yesterday. Dr. A. Model, a nose, ear and throat specialist, and Dr. H. Walewelski, gynecologist and surgeon, are charged with the manslaughter of Aharon Weintraub by "performing an illegal act" during an operation of his tonsils on June 23, 1951.

Dr. B. Gelly, government pathologist, testified that Weintraub had died from paralysis of the heart and breathing centres. Persons allergic to anaesthesia were apt to be adversely affected by it.

Replying to the District Attorney, Mr. L. Rabinovitch, he said that even a normal dosage could cause the death of such a patient. Three or four such cases had occured here in the last 20 years and they had died before the actual operation.

Agency Reviews Its Economic Position

The financial position of the Jewish Agency and financial relations between it and the Government were discussed yesterday by the Executive meeting in Jerusalem. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who participated in the discussions, reported on the government's financial position.

The Executive also discussed the World Jewish Conference in the light of a report given by Mr. Beri Locker, who with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, were asked to fix the date of the meeting. Dr. Goldmann also reported on his talks with Prime Minister Ben Gurion and Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen on the agreement which is to be signed by the Government and the Agency.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, of the New York Executive, gave his impressions of the talks with Jews who had escaped from East Germany when he was in Berlin. They expressed, Dr. Goldstein said, fear of the future.

Dr. Goldstein, speaking on the same subject over Kol Yisrael yesterday evening, said that the great majority of the refugees were not Zionists. Two months ago the East German police made a list of all the Jews in the zone, and the Jews were apprehensive as to what use those lists would be put. They were interrogated regarding the Jewish aspects of their lives, their kin abroad, and if they had received help from the Joint and their feelings towards Israel. "These interrogations were frightening," Dr. Goldstein said. Many Jews, on the advice of their Christian friends, fled without taking their possessions.

Dr. Goldstein said that 600 Jewish refugees had crossed into West Berlin, and that 70 were an estimated 100 more who were physically capable of making such a dash.

Prime Minister Receives Vice Admiral De Lany

Vice Admiral Walter S. De Lany, Assistant to Mr. Harold Stassen, U.S. Mutual Security Administrator, a passenger aboard the s.s. Constitution yesterday was received by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion in Jerusalem.

In the afternoon the Admiral and his wife were the guests of the Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, at a luncheon at the King David Hotel. Others present were Mr. E. Eliashar, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. R. Tyler, U.S. Consul-General, and their ladies.

Admiral De Lany was commander of the 3rd U.S. Naval District and in this capacity served as host to ships of the Israel Navy which visited New York in May, 1951.

Sgan Aluf Elath of the Israel Navy will accompany the guests on their three-day tour of the country.

2 Bus-Smokers Jailed For Attacking Policeman

For attacking a policeman who had tried to stop them from smoking in a bus, Rafael Mizrahi, 17, and Benjamin Nathanel, 18, both of Jerusalem, were each sentenced in the Magistrate's Court yesterday to one month's imprisonment.

The two youths refused to comply with an order last December 11 of Constable Yitzhak Regev to put out their cigarettes. At the last stop when the accused were asked to accompany the policeman to the police station, they attacked him as well as the Hamekasher bus driver who came to his aid.

The month's imprisonment was for the attack on the policeman. In addition, for smoking in a bus and refusing to obey a police officer the youths were each fined IL.12 with the alternative of 21 days imprisonment. *(Itim.)*

Haifaites Can Now Buy on Credit

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A consumers credit company, the Ashra'i Lazarkan, to stretch the public's purchasing power, was opened here today. The firm extends credit for purchasing goods, up to 80 per cent of the worker's salary, without guarantee, to be returned in four instalments over 3½ months. The cost including interest and fees is eight per cent, comparing favourably to the high interest taken by merchants for credit purchases.

With the firm's credit card, the consumer can buy in 35 Haifa shops, which have already agreed to cooperate. The buyer can bargain to his heart's content, without the shopkeeper knowing that he's buying on credit. The card need only be displayed when it comes to paying. For buying furniture and other more substantial articles, the firm will advance more credit over a longer period.

The firm has contacted several workers committee in factories and offices here, and negotiations for credit to the worker, with instalments deducted by the committee from salaries are now proceeding. If salaries are not paid on time, as is often the case, the firm will wait for payment. The company's registered capital is IL.50,000, but it enjoys the backing of the Palestine British Bank. The manager, Mr. D. Kalman, has eight years consumer credit experience abroad. Branches will also be opened in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv shortly.

Sneh Supporters To Quit Negev Kibbutz

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — In a referendum carried out in Kibbutz Shuval in the northern Negev last week, 11 of the 90-odd members are reported to have voted their preference for Dr. Moshe Sneh's Left Faction. The followers of the Faction have announced their intention of leaving the settlement.

Their number may increase by one or two as the wives of some of the men who voted for Dr. Sneh's group will probably join their husbands. The places of those leaving will be taken by a group of youngsters waiting to form a new kibbutz.

T.A. Tackles Traffic Jam at Bus Terminal

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The first serious attempt to tackle the traffic difficulties of the inadequate central bus terminal here which serves 250,000 persons daily was launched at dawn this morning with the aid of numerous mounted and mobile traffic constables.

The station was relieved of two-thirds of its incoming buses by directing suburban Dan lines to an arrival platform in Rehov Eilanger and the suburban Eshed buses (from Holon, Bat Yam) to the Petah Tikva road opposite the P.E.C. building.

In both cases the buses return empty to their respective platforms in the terminal, thus not yet relieving the out-traffic of 120,000 persons a day.

Rehov Salomon, the main street near the station, became a one-way thoroughfare towards Shderot Har Zion up to Rehov Levinski, while Rehov Neve Sha'anon, which is in fact the continuation of the long Jaffa Road and Rehov Hashomron, became one-way in the opposite direction from what it was hitherto and will serve as the main thoroughfare out of town.

The new arrangements were decided upon and personally supervised this morning by Dr. Boris Stern, the efficiency expert who, together with Mr. S. Kaljuski, the city's traffic engineer representing the police and Ministry of Communication and representatives of Dan and Eshed, has dealt with the problem energetically since the death of an Eshed ticket collector on duty at the terminal had focused public interest on the bus station.

New Budget of IL.216m.

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mic Policy a year ago, when the national finances were made to accord more with economic realities.

The National Income for 1952, Mr. Eshkol said, was estimated at IL.800m. More important, however, in grasping the true financial picture were the "resources at the disposal of the country's economy." This term comprises the national income, indirect taxation, amortization and the excess of exports over imports. Such resources were IL.532m. in 1950, and IL. 1,230m. in 1952. The increase was real despite the devaluation of the pound, Mr. Eshkol said.

The greatest development was in agriculture. The hundreds of millions of dollars gathered from many sources and poured into farming had produced good results, he said. In particular, locally grown vegetables almost met demand. Bananas were exported to Europe and there were good prospects for future exports.

There should be a more rational plan of manufacturing, he said, for often existing plants could not handle all stages of a manufacturing process. For example, there were twice as many facilities for weaving as there were for spinning. The Government would encourage the establishment of basic industries, while the industrialists would have to display more initiative.

Revenue was divided by the Finance Minister into three parts, ordinary, special and communications. Ordinary revenue, estimated at IL.158,750,000, formed 11 per cent of all the resources at the disposal of the country — and this ratio had not changed in the last three years. This revenue was 17 per cent of the National Income in 1951 and 1952, and should be 18 per cent in 1953. Half of it, or about IL.70m., will be derived from the income tax.

If manufacturers prove their ability to produce cheaper goods, the Finance Ministry would consider lowering the luxury tax, Mr. Eshkol announced.

New taxes on foreign travel are to be shortly announced and are expected to net the Treasury about IL.1.5m. a year, he said. The tourist trade, however, would be encouraged.

In order to keep the Equalization Fund balanced, some commodities will have to be rated higher than at present. The Government will maintain subsidies on certain commodities, in particular to maintain the low price of milk.

Because prices rose by 60 per cent in the past year the estimated expenditure of IL.91m. in 1953/54 would, in fact, be less than expenditure in the current year. The proportional expenditure would be IL.103m. It is not proposed to cut all services, however, and in some cases services will be increased or new ones introduced. Some IL.2m. will be spent on technical aid, i.e., payment of salaries for experts from abroad. School teachers will now be paid from government funds — but will be required to teach more hours per week, Mr. Eshkol added.

The Government felt compelled to cut free kindergartens for the five-year-olds. The health services will receive IL.1m. more than in the last budget. The Government will build two mental homes, and three hospitals in rural areas. IL.120,000 will be allocated for welfare among Arab refugees, now being cared for by U.N.R.W.A.

Lad, 16, Youngest To Receive George Cross

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — A slight lad of 16 led a glittering line of admirals, generals and air officers who passed before Queen Elizabeth II today at an investiture in Buckingham Palace. Jack Bamford, an apprentice miner from Giltbrook, received from the Queen's hand the George Cross — Britain's highest civilian decoration for bravery.

He was honoured for rescuing his brothers, Brian, 6, and Roy, 4, from their blazing home last October. He is the youngest person ever to win the award.

J'lem Headmasters To Strike Today

Financial difficulties continued to plague the Jerusalem Municipality yesterday. Seventy elementary school headmasters decided to come out on strike today and the teachers are expected to follow them tomorrow. The issue is the Municipality's failure to pay their February salaries.

Negotiations are continuing in an effort to ward off both strikes.

A temporary breathing spell was afforded the city administration when the Labour Council voted yesterday to postpone for one week the strike of municipal employees who have not received their last month's wages. The Minister of the Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, and the District Representative Dr. A. Biran, asked the workers' representatives to prevent the walkout.

It was also reported that the Ministry of Interior had returned the city's proposed 1953/54 budget because the Finance Committee had not yet studied and acted on it. Several items of expected income were described as "vague," and additional information was requested.

The estimated budget amounts to about IL.6,250,000 and includes welfare and school costs which are to be paid by the Government.

H.U. STRIKE

POST University Correspondent

Hebrew University employees have decided to go on strike if their February salaries are not paid by Thursday. They usually are paid their salaries at the same time as Government and Jewish Agency officials. As these have already received their salaries, spokesmen for the staff feel, there is no other way for them but to threaten strike action. Their proposal has been approved by the Histadrut.

Land Law

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between security and development considerations on the one hand and the claims and rights of the original owners of requisitioned lands on the other.

The new law should be viewed within the framework of the general trend towards settling the outstanding property problems of Israel Arabs. In 1950 the Government decided to release the urban property of Israel Arabs. Subsequently, thousands of houses were released and compensation to the value of several million pounds paid to their owners. The present law attempts to parallel this 1950 measure with regard to agricultural property, and is to release 250,000 dunams whose estimated compensation value is placed at several million pounds. Experts calculate that the total value in compensation to urban and rural Arab land-owners will reach the sum of over IL.15m.

While in committee the original draft bill underwent a number of vital amendments:

1) The amount of compensation is to be according to the value of the property in 1950 and not, as earlier stated, the value at the time of requisition (1947-48). Three per cent of the value is to be added annually for each year since 1950 and until the time of final settlement.

2) Instead of the original three years for which a certain area may be declared as needed for purposes laid down by this law, the period has been reduced to one year.

3) All Arabs in rural areas are first and foremost to be offered an agricultural unit of equal size as near their present homes as possible.

Above all it should be pointed out that the new law at last enables peasants who had been landless for years to regain agricultural land of their own and begin a fresh life. To those who prefer compensation partly in cash and partly in land, it offers an opportunity for investment in new farms.

Cairo Agrees to Quick Elections in Sudan

CAIRO, Tuesday (AP). — Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi stated today that Egypt was more eager than Britain to see the Sudan elections take place as soon as possible. Fawzi, commenting on a statement in the House of Commons on Monday said, "As far as I am concerned we would be delighted to see elections take place tomorrow."

Answering a question, Fawzi said there was a "slight difference" with Britain concerning the setting up of a mixed commission on the Sudan to take over part of the Governor-General's powers. He said Britain has not agreed about the nomination of one of the Commission's members. The Commission is to consist of two Sudanese, one Briton and one Pakistani.

On the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations over the Suez Canal Fawzi said Egypt was "urging the British side to start talks as soon as possible." Commenting on current talks between Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Fawzi said Egypt was keeping in touch with the American Government in order to outline the Egyptian viewpoint. He said that no talks towards setting up a Middle East Defence Organization had taken place yet. On developments in Arab-West German relations the Minister said he expected a new German delegation to come to Egypt soon.

SOVIET WHEAT FOR EGYPTIAN COTTON

CAIRO, Tuesday (UP). — Egypt today signed a barter agreement with Russia, Poland and Bulgaria, acting jointly, for the exchange of wheat for Egyptian Karnak medium staple cotton.

Egypt is to obtain 90,000 metric tons of wheat from Russia, 15,000 from Bulgaria and 10,000 from Poland. The total shipment of cotton will be 4.5 million lbs.

The exchange will be effected by Soviet ships within the next three months.

CITRUS TO BULGARIA

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The first citrus export to Bulgaria, this season, 12,500 cases will be shipped in the s.s. Vaptzarov tomorrow.

A total of 3,616,378 boxes of citrus fruit were shipped abroad from the beginning of the season until March 8th, the Citrus Marketing Board announced in Tel Aviv yesterday.

2 Arrested After Probe Into Permit Forgeries

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Two arrests were made yesterday in the course of investigations into the forgeries of cattle purchasing permits in which both Government officials and cattle merchants were involved.

The investigation ranges over the whole country, as cattle have been sold in large quantities for black market meat. Some of the permits have been traced to a Government office.

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Cables in Brief

Mme. CHIANG.—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese Nationalist leader, was entertained at the White House by President and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower yesterday. Mme. Chiang has been in the U.S. since the autumn.

HASHISH. — Customs officials at Cairo airport are holding a Greek suspected of smuggling hashish from Beirut. They are analysing a four-gallon tin of oil which "smelt of hashish," and may consist of "hashish essence."

QUEEN MARY.—Queen Mary, confined to bed for two weeks by gastric trouble, showed a slight improvement yesterday. Physicians attending her at Marlborough House, reported that she had passed a fair night.

ITALY. — The Italian Government majority party, the Christian Democrats, won majorities in 32 out of 51 towns which elected new councils on Monday. Previously majorities had been held in 22 of them. Six towns went to Communists or Communist-allied Socialists.

CHAPLIN. — Charlie Chaplin announced in Cannes on Monday that his wife Oona, daughter of Eugene O'Neill, was expecting her fifth child.

THAILAND. — A left-wing journalist and former President of the Siam Journalists' Association, Aree Leevira, was assassinated on Monday in Hua Hin, a Thailand summer resort. Leevira had recently been arrested in connection with an alleged Communist conspiracy but was released for lack of evidence.

Admiral Strauss To Advise Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INS). — President Eisenhower today appointed Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, former member of the Atomic Energy Commission, as his special assistant on atomic energy matters.

Admiral Strauss, who will act as liaison adviser to the President on such problems, served with the AEC from 1946 to 1953. Since that time he has served as adviser to various congressional and executive agencies.

Attacks Wife, Then Swallows Poison

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — After pouring vitriol on the face of his wife Adela tonight, Leon Cheler drank the poison himself.

The couple, residents of the Salame quarter here, were brought to the Municipal Hospital where their condition was reported grave. They have a three-year-old daughter. The cause of the incident is not yet known.

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THE element of surprise was lacking in the Budget speech yesterday, since the new Estimates were in the hands of Knesset Members and the Press several days beforehand, and the full text of the Finance Minister's speech a few hours before it was delivered. Mr. Eshkol did not confine himself to the presentation and explanation of the Budget. In the first half of his two-hour address, the Minister gave a survey of developments during the last year, something in the nature of the American "State of the Union" report, or the annual surveys introduced by the Labour Government in Britain. Whether this is indispensable as an introduction to the Estimates, is far from certain. A general economic survey is, of course indispensable, but it should be considered as a separate act, not directly connected with the introduction of the budget. This apart, Mr. Eshkol's speech was on the whole, a sober and matter-of-fact exposition of the major movements in revenue and expenditure, refreshingly free of theoretical excursions and at the same time, clearly reflecting certain compromises reached within the new coalition government.

THE WAY AHEAD

On the revenue side, it was of particular interest to learn that the share of direct taxes in total taxation is 44 per cent, including 40 per cent from income tax, but that this percentage is not considered sufficient. The comparative figures of other countries adduced by the Minister are of relative value only, since — apart from other considerations — the question remains what goods, in quantity and quality, the income after taxation buys here and abroad. The estimate of a revenue of IL.70m. from income tax alone seems not in itself unrealistic if actual revenue from this source reaches IL.54m. in the current year, instead of an estimated IL.47m. It remains to be seen, however, to what extent the reforms announced by the Treasurer will affect actual proceeds, production and earnings.

On the expenditure side, it was useful to stress the fact that the figures of the new budget, as compared with last year's, reflect necessarily the depreciation of the currency and the resulting increase in the cost of administration by about 60 per cent. One of the developments is revealed in the field of education where the melancholy saving of one million on kindergartens (but not of all categories) is offset by far-reaching improvements, in particular the elimination of the "trends," and the shouldering of teachers' salaries by Government, resulting in a sharp rise in expenditure, to IL.21.8m. against last year's estimate of IL.13.7m.

Other items of the budget and the explanations given will require close scrutiny, notably in regard of agricultural and industrial production, housing, etc. No satisfactory explanation is, so far, forthcoming for the large provision of IL.25m. for "Special Budgets." As usual, the amounts required for security — IL.42m. (besides IL.14m. for the Police force), do not specify the cost of the Armed Forces, but even without the undisclosed part of the defence budget, the total figure represents a heavy burden on the economy of the State which must be borne so long as our neighbours continue in their belligerent mood.

However controversial some of the issues discussed by Mr. Eshkol may be, none will deny the truth of his concluding words that the nation is in need of a new and coordinated effort towards the expansion and consolidation of its economic basis, its foreign trade position, and most of all, its home production.

Arabs Told Reparations To Begin on April 1

The West German Ambassador to Cairo, Guenther Pawelke, officially informed the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and the Arab League Secretariat yesterday that the reparations agreement with Israel would be finally ratified before the end of this month and that West Germany would begin its implementation by April 1, Cairo Radio reported last night.

He said that a new West German delegation would soon be arriving in Cairo to resume negotiations with the Arab states.

Ahmed Shukeiry, Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League, declared, on receiving Pawelke's announcement, that, "On the day the reparations agreement is ratified, an extraordinary session of the League's Political Committee will be summoned." The League's Council is due to meet on March 28.

BADOUIN FACES FRESH CRISIS

For the fourth time in three weeks King Baudouin of the Belgians has been the centre of a political storm. The row threatened to bring about the fall of Premier Van Houtte's all Catholic Government. The issue this time was an interview the young King was said to have given to a French journalist before leaving Antibes. The interview caused great alarm in the Belgian capital because of its political character. It was officially denied in a statement made by M. Van Houtte, in Belgium's Lower House but the French newspaper "France Soir" published the above photograph of the young King talking to their reporter Andrey Costes. Political observers believe that M. Van Houtte's statement that the interview had not taken place was given in good faith — but that the Premier was not fully informed. Express Photo.

Belgium's Unhappy King

By NORA BELOFF

BRUSELS. —

...Oh, happy low, lie down. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."
(Shakespeare).

BAUDOUIN of Belgium has been king for almost two years but the hopes that the abdication of his father, Leopold — which brought him to the throne — would close the "royal question" once and for all, have been disappointed. The present Belgian Government almost fell flat on its face last week, owing to some foolish "incident" around the person of the king, and everyone in Belgium is aware of the uneasy feeling which now surrounds the royal family.

All senior officials who have direct dealings with the young king are impressed by his diligence, attentiveness and high sense of duty. But it is difficult to resist the impression that so far his kingship has not been a success.

The dice were certainly loaded against him: at 22 years of age he finds himself with neither the training nor the appearance of a king. Between the ages of nine, when war broke out, and 20, when he ascended the throne, he lead a prisoner's life. Physically, he was well provided for — except during a brief interment in Germany. But all this time he was prevented from mixing with boys of his own age, from learning how to live in society and how to rid himself of his natural timidity.

Family Ties

Baudouin's one recompense has been a closely-knit and very affectionate family, from which he has never been parted. When, during the war, King Leopold told his three small children that he was going to marry the young woman whom they knew and who had already befriended them, their first question is said to have been: "And may we call her *maman*?" Their real mother, the very popular Queen Astrid, had died when Baudouin was only five: he can hardly remember what she looked like. The Princess de Rethy, bright and affectionate, was soon closely incorporated into the intimate family circle. Today she is busy fulfilling *"maman's"* role, helping, advising and planning for the young Princess Josephine's imminent marriage to the Prince of Luxembourg.

But the Belgian people immensely resented Leopold's wartime marriage and the sudden ascension of his "commoner" (the Princess's family had no titles of any kind) to their beloved Queen Astrid's place. The public was quick to note that in a picture of the whole royal family in a fashionable photographer's window in the Cours De La Reine in Brussels, Princes de Rethy was in the centre with her baby; while Baudouin, King of the Belgians, was relegated to an obscure place in the back row. Those familiar with the royal household, however, say that Leopold's children would not have had it otherwise. King Baudouin, Prince Albert and Princess Josephine are aggressively protective about their stepmother: the more she is criticized, the more they feel it their duty to honour and protect her.

Leopold in Command

Many Belgians believe that the king should live independently of his parents. But anyone who has seen the immense and dreary royal residence at Laeken, outside Brussels, will easily understand why Baudouin has so far steadfastly refused the idea of living there alone. Instead, he has chosen to go on living with his father and step-mother and has thus created the general impression that the abdication changed nothing, and that King Leopold and his young wife are still in command.

For Baudouin, co-existence with his father naturally suggests unflattering comparisons: strong, tall and handsome, Leopold is "every inch a king." Lanky, frail and bespectacled, Baudouin is not. Living together must often be a matter of acute embarrassment: for when anyone is looking, Leopold has to treat Baudouin as his master; head of the royal family and head of the State. People who know the young king say that his veneration for his father is "almost a complex." Certainly Baudouin can never admit that Leopold deserved to lose his crown — and unless he does, he is himself a usurper.

These are, perhaps, the real reasons for that famous "funeral face" and for Baudouin's apparent inability to smile or to relax. Diplomats in Brussels, who are obliged to attend State functions, dread having to squeeze the lifeless white-gloved hand and to meet the icy-cold smile spreading like a mask over the young king's face.

In private, Baudouin can be as gay as any young man of his age — even although he cannot stand jazz, and dances "as stiffly as an Englishman." He is Catholic, of course, like the rest of his family, but far from fanatical.

But there are rumours and fabrications which could not leave any young and sensitive person indifferent: rumours so foul about his own and his family's morals that they cannot be printed in Belgium but appear in foreign newspapers and then are whispered up and down the country. The young king is forbidden to hit back: his advisers each time promise to tell Belgian diplomats to protest in foreign capitals; but as the press in these countries is free, there is nothing they can do.

There are times when Baudouin feels a desperate impulse to get away from it all; sometimes, against the advice of his counsellors and family (for he is stubborn as well as timid), he insists on going abroad "incognito" to relax. But each time the publicity hunters catch up with him: thus his sudden and unannounced return from the Riviera last week was, I understand, really no more than a humiliating flight from a merciless pack of news-hounds. When he arrived home a plan for spending the first fortnight of March in a private villa in the Austrian mountains had to be discreetly scrapped.

Back again in the gloomy grandeur of his place, the young king will sooner or later have to adjust himself to the fact that royalty and freedom have never been compatible. *OFNS*

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL PLAN SHELVED

Boards Tackle Legal Backlog

By RICHARD WEISS

THE plan to establish an Administrative Tribunal to do some of the work now done by the Supreme Court has been shelved following opposition by members of the Judiciary.

The Tribunal was to be one of the important milestones in the programme designed to streamline court procedure and to ensure the swift administration of justice. It was to come to the aid of the sadly over-worked Supreme Court, which sits with the same six Justices as a Court of Appeals in criminal and civil matters, and as a High Court of Justice to hear the petitions against Government authorities.

With the incessant flow of applications to the High Court, the Justices find little time to hear criminal appeals and even less time for civil appeals—last on the priority list. To permit the Justices to devote themselves more to appeals, a plan had been devised to set up a separate and independent network of Administrative Tribunals to hear all petitions against the Government. The High Court was to retain a very limited area of activity, including writs of prohibition and certiorari.

Tribunal's Powers

The Tribunal was to be constituted of one Judge and two laymen who would have equal voting powers on all issues, be they questions of fact or of law. The Tribunals were to have had their own Court of Appeals. The High Court could have been asked to review a final decision of the Tribunals only on the grounds that they had violated basic legal procedure or been grossly arbitrary.

The introduction of this system would have been a considerable novelty to local jurisprudence and constituted a merger of Anglo-Saxon and European thinking in this area. The motherland and breeding-ground of the Administartive Tribunal is continental Europe. The *Tribuneaux Administratifs* of France have gained distinction and with their Court of Appeals, the *Conseil d'Etat*, they take care of all suits against government bodies.

High Court's Role

Anglo-Saxon jurists, however, find it hard to accept the idea of turning to an official for legal aid against the Government. Oddly enough, this reasoning applies less to England than it does to Israel (where there is a relatively large European community, though most of the lawyers were reared on Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence). The problem of seeking remedies against the Government is not nearly as acute there as it is here; English lawyers are astounded by the number of *orders nisi* issued by the Israel High Court, which has taken on the stature of the sole champion of citizens in distress. With little administrative stability and know-how in the young ministries and deeply-rooted political affiliations and partiality, complaints against the legality of ministerial decisions abound. On the other hand members of the High Court of Justice though on the Government payroll and attached to the Ministry of Justice, have at all times displayed meticulous objectivity and have occasionally even been accused of chiding government practices too severely.

Coupled with their moral integrity goes undisputed professional competence. Any new body set up to exercise the function of the High Court, it has been reasoned, will find it very hard to gain the prestige necessary in such a delicate area of government-citizen relations; and so the Ministry of Justice has yielded.

A backlog of cases, however, is not a problem indigenous to Israel, and England as well as Americas have had to tackle the issue. Boards of Review have been established in America to fulfil semi-judicial functions and though their scope is not as broad as that of the Tribuneaux Administratifs, they arouse far-reaching controversy and discussion. The Courts feel the boards constitute an encroachment on their authority and brand their hearings "unjudicial."

Similar boards exist in Israel and hear citizens' complaints against government decisions in such matters as the expropriation of land, benefits to soldiers, the Arnona tax, etc. Quite unlike the broad jurisdiction planned for the new Tribunals these boards must be especially provided for by law in each case. Until recently a District Court judge would take time from his busy schedule and chair the two laymen on the board in his district.

Board's Advantages

Since there is no appeal from their decision, the conflicting judgments given in the various districts created considerable confusion. Through recent reorganization, however, a number of judges who have been appointed to sit as permanent chairmen go on circuit and devote themselves exclusively to this work. It is understood that the Ministry of Justice wishes to enlarge this permanent staff and intends to continue suggesting this procedure for dealing with various laws as they come before the Knesset.

One of the advantages of such a board for the citizen is that it thoroughly reviews every aspect of a decision against which he appeals. The High Court, on the other hand, has limited itself to intervening only in cases of "gross arbitrariness." The High Court, for example, has often said that had it sat in the place of the official it would have decided otherwise, but that as a Court it cannot invalidate his decision which is legal and therefore valid. The board, in contrast, has jurisdiction to do that very thing, namely reverse a perfectly legal decision.

Though the Ministry of Justice has taken pains to point out that the plan of an Administrative Tribunal has only been "shelved"—no more than that—it seems that with the boards running satisfactorily now and with the appointment of two to four new justices to the Supreme Court imminent, the plan if not quite extinct, is at least in deep hibernation.

Readers' Letters

CRYSTAL GAZING

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Mr. David Courtney's mild attack on pathological political prognosticators in his "Column One" of March 9, might have been a timely appeal for realism but for his own rather unsupported assumptions with regard to the political situation today.

It is unfortunately all too true that the distance from Washington to Jerusalem is overpopulated by political commentators "smug-as-a-bug-in-a-rug" whose persistent misinterpretation of political events borders on the licentious. But it is questionable whether the injuries they inflict on sane thought is greater than the damage caused by commentators who present phantasmagoria as fact.

Mr. Courtney speaks of the "personal authority by which Stalin was able to censure to himself the loyalty of, for example, Mao Tse-tung." Whence is it permissible to question, the assumption? To all observers of the Far Eastern scene, and all the more so to all students of the Chinese revolutionary movement, it is no secret that the Soviet Government committed few mistakes of so grave consequence as those perpetrated in the mid-1920's by Stalin's advisers in China. Few authoritative commentators will subscribe to the theory of Mao's loyalty — in the sense of "subservience" — to Moscow. There is far more reason to assume from the Soviet silken-gloved treatment of the Chinese People's Republic that it is the USSR which is dependent on Peking's goodwill than the contrary. A letter of this nature unfortunately does not permit elucidation, but I assure Mr. Courtney that there are far stronger grounds for this belief than any he can provide for his. To say the least, the community of interests between the Chinese Communists and their Soviet counterparts is at least as strong as those binding the Western bloc.

I would also question Mr. Courtney's assumption that there exists a feud between Malenkov, Molotov and Beria—either three-way or two-way in any combination. Nothing but the prognostications of the very soothsayers he scorns can be cited to bear this out. I venture to challenge, too, Mr. Courtney's speculation on the possibility of Bulganin's liquidation. Why is his particular crystal ball less grubby than those he ridicules?

Yours etc.
WO PU-HSIN

Jerusalem, March 9.

'FURIES' FOR IRAQ

TO The Editor of The POST

Sir,—The headline in the Post of February 16 "Britain delivering Jet Furies to Iraq" is incorrect. "Furies" are manufactured by "Hawker" and are piston-engined, powered by a Bristol Centaurus sleeve radial. As far as I know, Britain has been delivering "Furies" and "Fury" trainer planes to Iraq since 1945.

MICHAEL WALD

Jerusalem February 17.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE death of Sergei Prokofieff means not only a great loss to Soviet Russia's musical life but to the world. Born in the province of Ekaterinoslav in southern Russia on April 23, 1891, he began to study the piano with his mother at an early age. Before long he turned his hand to composition, writing an opera in his ninth year. When he was ten Taneiev advised him to become a pupil of Gliere and after a few months of study introduced him to Glazunov. At the St. Petersburg Conservatory he became a pupil of Rimsky-Korsakov, Lyadov and Cherepnin. In 1914 Prokofieff was graduated with three diplomas and the Rubinstein Prize for piano playing. During the first world war he continued composing energetically, writing the score for two ballets produced by Diaghileff, "Buffoon" and "Le Pas d'Acier" as well as a variety of other works, including the "Classical Symphony," his First Violin Concerto and the Third Piano Concerto. The upheaval of the Soviet revolution brought Prokofieff to America, where he composed his most popular opera: "The Love for Three Oranges" (based on Gozzi). In 1934, after a few years in Paris, he returned to his native country where he remained until his death.

Prokofieff

"I strive for greater simplicity and more melody. Of course I have had dissonance in my time, but there has been too much dissonance. Each used dissonance as good only for his music. Others applied pepper, consumed like dishes more and more highly, till all healthy appetites were sick and well! His music was nothing but pepper. [illegible] society has not [illegible] and, We want a simpler and more melodic style of music, a style of long continuous movement, strong melodies built of open intervals, logically developed by the proper means to one element in unity, conditioned principally upon meeting of the melodic lines. Stravinsky once told me that he dreamed of a style so simple and pure that it should consist only of two melodies.

As a matter of fact, counterpoint, no matter how melodic and clear it is, can go only a certain distance when it comes to tonal combinations. You may say as much as you like of the human ear and the capacity for adapting itself to more and more complicated music. I do not discover that the ear's capacities increase so rapidly or enormously. Three melodies remain about the limit that the average ear can grasp and follow at one time. This can be done when the melodies are clearly sounded, and contrasted in pitch and tone colour... This being true, it behoves the composer to realise that in the polyphonic as well as in the structural sense he must keep within certain bounds," the composer once stated.

During the second world war, Prokofieff composed his great opera "War and Peace." He commanded a strong sense of humour, illustrated by his enchanting symphonic tale "Peter and the Wolf" (1936), later adapted by Walt Disney, or in his sparkling incidental music for the film "Lieutenant Kije." With the late Serge Eisenstein he collaborated in creating the gigantic screen-epics "Alexander Nevsky" and "Ivan the Terrible." The latter said: "In crystal purity and expressive language Prokofieff is equaled only by Stendhal. Occasionally he reminds one of the elegantly audacious Matisse. More often — of the early Picasso's harsh arrogance. Less often — of Rousault's frank coarseness. The ideal in painting, (i.e. Degas), in Valery's view is embodied in music, it seems to me, in the work of Prokofieff."

He was the greatest Russian symphonic composer and innovator since Tchaikovsky. No-one can forget the spell of his Fifth Symphony in Serge Koussevitzky's creative interpretation. To mention only his best-known works — besides his autobiography — there is his ballet "Romeo and Juliet" (another Koussevitzky favourite); the "Overture on Hebrew Themes" (for chamber ensemble); his Seventh Piano Sonata; his early "Visions Fugitives" (for-piano). His last opera was "The Tale of a Real Person" (1949). *FRANGO*

In Tel Aviv

THE efforts of a group of musicians of Hungarian origin to make the public acquainted with lesser known Hungarian music must be welcomed; it was therefore a pity that the evening at the Reines' Hall last week, arranged in honour of the 70th birthday of Kodaly, was badly organized so that attendance left much to be desired.

Those present were rewarded with vocal instrumental compositions by the late Bela Bartok and by Zoltan Kodaly's vocal quartets; excerpts of his operas "Hary Janos" and "Szekelyfone"; an adagio for violin; some piano pieces; and a tenor solo of Kodaly's most important work, the "Psalmus Hungaricus," appeared to be the most revealing items on the programme. The participants were singers Miriam Budai, Katharine Faludi, Ernest Garai and Bezalel Shari; the violinist Ilona Feher; and the fine pianist Vera Lengyel. *MO.*

Abroad

Josepha Schocken gave a performance of songs by Israel composers at the home of the Israel Minister to Sweden, Mr. A. Nissan on Sunday night. The recital was attended by heads of foreign missions in Stockholm, senior members of the Foreign Ministry, Swedish composers and representatives of Jewish organizations. The entire Stockholm press praised the performance of the Israel singer.

Miss Schocken will conclude her Scandinavian tour with a concert in Copenhagen.

Men and Things

THOSE who leer at public servants as children gaze at other children with larger toffees — with deadly hate and envy — have to be informed from time to time that the public servant of the elected kind nearly always ruins his health for the Public Good. Nay, lest the sneerers should scoff in reply that anybody would sacrifice his health if he received a million pounds in return, we are even told that the elected representative of the people is hit in his pocket by the need constantly to dip into it in pursuance of his Public Duty.

Thus, it is gravely announced in the House of Commons that last year only five of the 600 odd members declined to avail themselves of their statutory salary of £1,000 Elsewhere, in different countries, solemn doctors drag from their musty files evidence to show that members of parliaments total fewer heads (or seats, one should say, concerning these dignitaries) perpetic ulcer than any other occupational group. Then, in lands where sects vary the procedure of worshipping, the mayor is likely to be torn in as many parts as there are denominations whenever he attends service in his official capacity.

But from France, land of wine and perfume, comes news of a provincial mayor aged 101 who has been in office for 75 years. Surely such a man, all of whose mental processes must have taken on the disorder and pomp of civic functions, gives the lie to the yarn about public life being tough? Or perhaps he is a genial schizophrene who enjoys being internally in a state of perpetual debate! *B.S.*

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